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**Appl. No.** : 09/486,875  
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**Title** : GASKET FOR CLADDING SYSTEM

**Grp./A.U.** : 1732  
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**REPLY BRIEF**

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Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is being filed in response to the Examiner's Answer of August 26, 2004. The Examiner states that the "claim construction does not preclude a hollow space between the two solid portions." The Examiner also states "a solid extension is not claimed." To the contrary both claims 1 and 9 recite "two plastic extrusions of solid material having front and rear surfaces" or "having front and rear surfaces with solid material between said surfaces." The extrusions are claimed as solid between the surfaces to remove the solid material behind the front surfaces.

Eagles does not remove material along a single line. Eagles removes material along two different lines or planes (at 20). The instant invention recites one cut along one line or in one plane extending across both extrusions which is not removably suggested by Eagles.

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Applicant is claiming a specific construction not remotely suggested by the references, which is readily apparent merely by comparing Figures 4-6 of the instant application to the drawings of the references.


The claimed invention is specifically different from the references and that difference represents a patentable contribution to the art. The reversal of the examiner's rejection is respectfully solicited.

No oral hearing is requested.

**Respectfully submitted,**


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